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Readers Say—

Another Angle

To the Editor:

"The Price of Finitude" (*Action*, July 1) was so far off the beam, I wondered why it was printed. However it has been admirably answered by the three writers in the September 15 issue.

There is one point, however, that was missed by all three. It was the living example God gave on a grandiose scale, for our information.

Cain, the first murderer, was "re-habilitated." His progeny (like begets like) were "accepted" by the rest of society and there was such a mingling of godly with ungodly that the time came when it could be said only of Noah that he was perfect in his generations (plural, not singular) (Gen. 6:9). Re-habilitation was evidently the order of the day (Gen. 4:23). The result was the earth was *filled* with violence (Gen. 6:11).

In judgment, the flood was called forth and man was given a new start and a new commission and a new covenant.

On the one hand, man was given the control over all things on the earth, but not without directions and prohibitions. On the other hand, God promised to never destroy the earth with a flood. Among these directives was "whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God, made he man." In other words, God expected man to carry out his part in removing evil murderers from the earth, making a flood unnecessary.

As Christians, living in a country where the people themselves are sovereign (or were while the constitution was honored) we have a dual obligation, both to the Church and to the State. To neglect either is to dishonor God.

L. E. COUNTRYMAN

Rockford, Ill.

Green and Graham

To the Editor:

I agree entirely with your views in the editorial in the August 15 issue of *Action*, concerning Cannon Bryan Green's attack on "fundamentalism." I am concerned about the trend that seems to be moving in that direction all about us. It is my prayer that God will deliver us from its deadly fangs.

However, I am wondering why there are exceptions made when certain individuals are involved. It seems to me that Dr. Billy Graham followed the same trend when he refused to join hands with the fundamentalist pastors in New York and insisted that the liberals and modernists be allowed to hold the same level as these Bible-believing men. He openly declared himself not a "fundamentalist," and in his booklet, *Why I Go to New York*, he stated that some of the greatest opposition came from the fundamentalist group. He also stated that God has "by-passed the fundamentalists."

We ought to hold fast to principles regardless of individuals.

JESSE HABEGGER

Berne, Ind.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO. — Conference of Christian Workers in Bandung, Indonesia, September 2-6, made possible by the aid of World Vision, Inc. Dr. Bob Pierce, Dr. Paul S. Rees and Dr. Richard Halverson, American evangelical leaders, were speakers and conference instructors. The report of Dr. Timothy Dzao appears on page 10.

Why Not the "Beacon"?

To the Editor:

Your issue of July 15 had a timely and praiseworthy protest against the attitude of the *Christian Century* towards Billy Graham. Excellent! But why no protest against the attitude of the *Christian Beacon*? This is extremely disappointing. The case of the *Christian Beacon* is far, far worse than that of the *Christian Century*. It is what we expect from the latter, because they are openly and frankly our enemies. But McIntire and his crowd announce themselves to be Evangelicals and Fundamentalists!! If silence concerning Billy Graham is the better way for the *Christian Century*, how much more so for the *Christian Beacon*.

I should not have raised this matter but for your article re the *Christian Century*. The difference between the *Christian Century* and the *Christian Beacon* is so marked, that to protest one and not protest the others involves a silence on your part which I am unable to classify.

However, I still hope to see something in your columns which will make clear your position.

HAROLD H. COOK

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The editor paid his respects to fundamentalist opposition to Billy Graham and his New York Crusade in the very beginning of the effort, *Action*, April 15, 1956.]

Christian Tolerance

To the Editor:

I note with disappointment and a feeling of embarrassment one characteristic which seems to dominate so many letters written by evangelicals to the editors of evangelical periodicals.

These letters all say, in so many words, "I am shocked to note that you are a modernist, an infidel, or at least a compromiser because you don't see eye to eye with me on every little detail."

Many of these letters apparently come from ministers of the Gospel who should set the standard for Christian tolerance in matters which are controversial and often concern "doubtful things."

H. M. BAGGARLY

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen I will be exalted in the earth. *Psalm 46:10*

New leadership and new techniques help to finish the task

PROGRESS IN WORLD EVANGELISM

By J. ELWIN WRIGHT

Executive Secretary, NAE Commission for the World Evangelical Fellowship

FORTUNATE indeed is that person who has appropriated the blessing of a quiet heart. It is good not to be terrified by opposition, nor unduly elated by success and fame.

Perhaps the Church has never faced a situation fraught with so great opportunities and yet so many frustrations as in this generation. There is a development of evil without precedent, but as well an increase of godliness, devotion, and reckless sacrifice of comfort and even life on the part of those who have caught the vision of world conquest for Christ.

Let's take a quick look at the things that are "against us."

Communism has not been stopped. It is following closely its timetable for world domination. Two-fifths of the world is in its orbit. Another fifth is neutralized to its advantage. The timetable calls for the complete victory of world Communism by 1973 without a third world war. Nothing but Divine interposition can prevent it.

False religions are, in some instances, in a state of revival, as in the case of Buddhism in Ceylon, or are making vast gains in new areas as in the sweep of the Moslems across Africa. Nationalism is closing the doors to missionaries in important areas not yet behind the iron or bamboo curtains.

For example, the Japanese churches recently sent a delegation to Communist China. They returned with the report that "Japan's churches should throw off the control of foreign missionaries." Rev. Kaneyo Oda stated that if it had not been for the persecution of the Chinese people by the churches, China would never have gained its independence of foreigners. He asked Japan to follow its example.

But a more insidious danger is arising—and this in the name of Christianity, which would atempt a union of all denominations without doctrinal safeguards. Extreme liberals are going much further and openly advocating the union of all religions which profess a belief in God.

But these obvious developments of evil are not all that we have to reckon with. The mission boards are, in many instances, deeply concerned that even the nationals who have been brought to the light of the Gospel and have been trained as pastors and teachers are saying flatly that it is time for the missionaries to leave. They believe themselves competent to carry on the work of their churches without foreign personnel.

There is a considerable element of justification for their position. There ought to be real thankfulness among the missionaries whenever a national church is ready and eager to carry on by itself—if it has been thoroughly grounded in the faith. They must not be hindered in their desire for complete equality and the right of self-determination. But they must, for their own protection, be thoroughly educated to stand against political and spiritual subversion.

Let us turn to the other side of the picture. It is still true that approximately two-thirds, or possibly even three-quarters, of the world's population have never heard the gospel. However, we are living in the very decade when the scales are turning and a larger percentage of the total population is being reached.

There has been a recent upsurge of missionary activity across the world not only in the number of missionaries on the field but the ability of these missionaries to reach a much larger number of people.

Among the excitingly favorable factors is this. Additional millions upon millions of people in the more primitive countries have become sufficiently literate during the past 15 years to read at least simply written books and periodicals.

True, the Communists have sown these areas down with a vast amount of attractive propaganda while our efforts in that direction have been only a trickle. However, many organizations are now alert to the importance of literature for the masses. Nearly a score of new periodicals of that type have appeared. The pioneer in the field, *African Challenge,* now has a monthly circulation of more than 200,-

Left—Students of Volunteer Evangelistic Association, Travancore, India. Right—Evangelist Thau conducting revival in South Vietnam.

How Are NAE and WEF Related?

WHAT IS THE relationship of the National Association of Evangelicals to the World Evangelical Fellowship?

The WEF is the corporate and visible expression of the decision of evangelicals in many countries to draw more closely together. Its purpose is the encouragement of fellowship, understanding and unity in Christ of all believers.

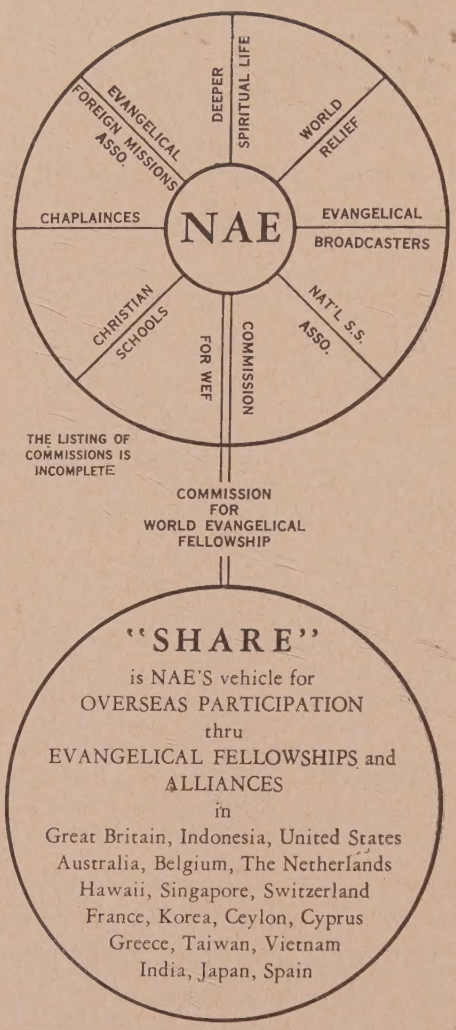
In the WEF the autonomy of each local or national group is carefully safeguarded. Its sole executive body is the International Committee, elected at the General Assembly of national delegates to the Triennial Conference (Holland-1951; Switzerland-1953; United States-1956).

The WEF has thus far maintained two international offices (London and Boston), but is in the process of combining these. This makes possible a constant exchange of information, personnel and material assistance. When the new international office opens, probably in the United States, the functions of the NAE in relation to international interests will be more clearly defined and easily recognized.

The National Association of Evangelicals now has, among its eighteen commissions, a Commission for World Evangelical Fellowship. As the graph makes clear, this Commission is the tie between the NAE and the WEF. It will continue to maintain an office in Boston for the present.

This office has several major responsibilities:

1. It provides personnel, as may be requested from time to time by the National Fellowships, through the International Office, for special assignments overseas.



2. It supplies foreign personnel to evangelical groups in America, as requested.

3. Literature, radio programs, equipment, and funds for overseas needs among associated groups, as they may request, are provided through the International Office when possible. The Commission reserves the right to designate gifts in accordance with the requests of donors.

4. Within America the Commission promotes interest in World Evangelism among the churches by providing personnel for "keynoting" church sponsored conferences.

The Commission controls a subsidiary corporation called "SHARE." This organization makes an annual appeal for overseas giving to approved needs. The focus of the appeal is mid-November, by radio and through cooperating churches and individuals. However, gifts in the name "SHARE" are appropriate at any season of the year.

The needs presented by SHARE stem from the action of the executive committees of associated national fellowships. These committees, representing a cross section of evangelical leadership on the fields, are in the best position possible to give accurate and dependable information.

Through SHARE in 1956, $63,349.98 was channeled to overseas emergency needs.

Gifts made to SHARE, Box 99, Boston 1, Massachusetts, are tax deductible.

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000 copies. Others are gaining rapidly.

A network of Gospel radio stations is literally blanketing the globe. The gains and losses of time on commercial radio are about equally balanced although severe pressures are developing in the United States. Radio Ceylon, with its 100,000 watts of power and its great outreach in the Orient, has discontinued all Christian broadcasts and seems lost permanently unless there is a change in its government.

Millions of Gospel recordings in hundreds of languages are a major contribution. Joy Ridderhof's pioneering work has been invaluable in new fields.

In America, and to some extent in Europe, attention is being paid to the great potential for trained leadership among the thousands of foreign students who flood our colleges and universities. Through the efforts of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, International Students, and Campus Crusades, hundreds are being won to Christ and are dedicating their lives to Christian service in their lands.

One major problem, (and it is having the attention of our Commission for World Evangelical Fellowship), is the large number of students being provided scholarships in America by liberal organizations. These students are usually sent to schools where theological subjects are slanted to modernism, and often to socialism. They return to their homelands to assume positions of top responsibility in education and church leadership. They present a hazard of major proportions to the future of the church and their governments.

Our Commission is taking steps to assist as many of these students as possible, when they are recommended by the Evangelical Fellowships of their own countries. We must build the leadership of these countries along fully evangelical lines or lose the churches to subversive organizations.

Among the significant potentials for Christian witness which we are exploring is the possibility of challenging Christian men of adequate preparation in education, engineering, electronics,

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An educational experiment
At Union Biblical Seminary

WITNESSES FOR CHRIST IN INDIA

By ANNA NIXON

THE LARGEST class in the history of Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal, India, received degrees and diplomas at a very impressive convocation service held in the new chapel this year. Choosing for their class motto, "Ye are witnesses unto Me," eight young men and one young woman marched out to help fill the gaps of need for trained leadership in the Church in India.

"The statistics," remarked someone, "will be changed now. Instead of 19,523 churches without a trained worker, there will be 19,514. At this rate if nobody dies or leaves his post we will be able to fill the gaps in another 2,168 years. But what of the hope that great growth in the Church will double and redouble the number of worshipping congregations? This may well stretch the goal on ahead another 4,000 years!"

These statistics do not take into consideration the fact that 20 will graduate next year from U.B.S., and that India has 34 other recognized theological institutions. Even so, the disciple's question, "But what are they among so many!" still calls for an answer not statistical but dynamic.

"I am impressed," said Dr. Ahmed Shah, this year's convocation speaker, "with the students here. They are lively and alert, conscious of their Christian vocation and eager to serve."

"I like it here very much," volunteered Mr. Taiji Nishiyama who with his wife had come all the way from Japan to attend U.B.S. Though they first had to live in a tent, and now in makeshift quarters made of an old housetrailer patched up with packing boxes, they felt themselves fortunate to have been selected from among the number of foreigners applying for admission. These applications are increasing as Christians in Asia become more aware of this answer to their demand for qualified spiritual leadership.

"I appreciate most of all here the practical teaching of doctrine," said Miss Tara Chopde, a third year student, "and the privilege of seeing it lived out in our teacher's lives."

"I appreciate the spiritual tenor of this Seminary," commented Mr. Peter E. Jones of the graduating class. "The spiritual fellowship and guidance is excellent. Here you do not think of denomination, you think of your relationship with Christ. This is always foremost and brings us together."

From other similar comments it was evident that U.B.S. had been markedly successful in impressing its 73 students representing 25 denominations with the importance of translating the direct method of study of the Bible into holy, dynamic action. Dr. E. E. Jacques, Foreign Secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, emphasized this in his Baccalaureate address by illustrating from his experience the far-reaching effects of the witness of a single Christian family.

On Monday morning the students scattered, but for the most part not to their homes. The graduates joined with the widely distributed alumni in full-time Christian work in India now serving as pastors, missionaries, professors, teachers in Bible schools, evangelists, Bible women, ashram workers, literature workers, etc. A few will go on for higher training. The undergraduates went out in full-time service for at least two of the three summer months, to gain practical experience as they make their contribution. When they return to school in July they will share reports of their summer's work, will more eagerly seek to find answers in the courses they study and will more effectively serve on one of the eight student teams of evangelism carried on throughout the school year.

"I was surprised at the extent and quality of work done at the Seminary," said one veteran missionary and college president who recently visited there. "There is a good balance between the theoretical and the practical."

In this field of theological education, sixteen evangelical bodies are being brought into not only cooperation but full union. March 1958 will mark the conferring of the first Bachelor of Divinity degrees in Union Biblical Seminary.

Two polar needs swallow us up: The need for young people willing to dedicate their lives to Christian service, and the equally great need of adequate training facilities.

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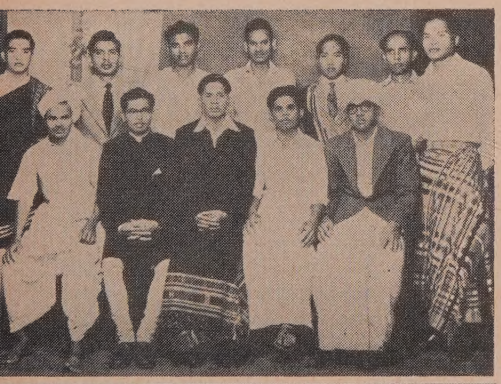
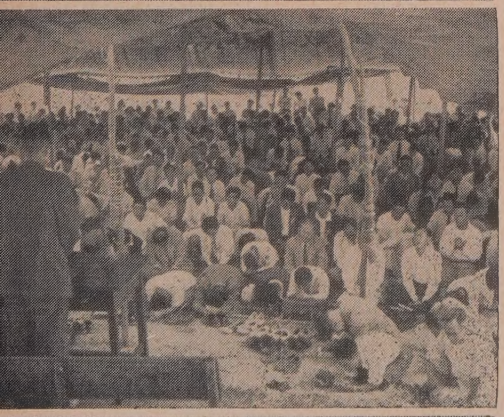
LEFT—Elizabeth Evans conducts parents Class in Taiwan. RIGHT—Graduating Class, Union Bible Seminary Yeotmal, India

A NEW KIND OF GIVING

Christmas gifts that serve a double purpose—for Christ and one's friends





A WELL-TO-DO evangelical business man decided to omit the usual Christmas gifts to his many friends. In place of these he gave an equal amount to a missionary cause. His gift amounted to $7,000.

Sending in his gift he asked for a receipt for the entire amount for his income tax deduction. He also asked for, and received, individual receipts in the names of all his friends whom he wished to remember.

However, in advance of sending these receipts he wrote each a letter which went something like this:

My dear Mary and all the family:

As the Christmas season approaches we have been led to reconsider our observance of this blessed day. The usual method of giving seems inadequate and unsatisfactory, in view of the sufferng in this confused world. We want it to be a day of remembrance of our Lord above all else, for it is His birthday. His own suggestion seems more appropriate than anything else: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."

Therefore, with Thanksgiving to our Saviour for dear and loving friends like you, our giving this year will be to those who are "the least." For us this means those who are in the dark areas of earth, who are persecuted, hated and forgotten; for those who need the comfort of the gospel and the necessities of life.

Our gift will be in the name of Christ and our dear friends but will be sent "over there." We know you will understand. We will be remembering you that day in our supplications, that this Christmas may be the best ever and that the New Year may be filled with a sense of His presence.

With love to you all,
JOHN

We recommend to our readers this form of Christmas giving in 1957. The World Evangelical Fellowship will be glad to assist in selecting a worthy project (footnote page 8).

We suggest that you read prayerfully, the list of approved requests which have been sent by executive committees of various National Evangelical Fellowships and make your own selections as God lays them on your heart.

Urgent Needs

SOUTH VIETNAM. These are priority needs reported by the President, Rev. Le Van Thai.

No. 1. Assistance in rebuilding 35 destroyed churches, having about 9,000 communicants. Each has a pastor. Average cost—$750.

Pastors also need surplus food and some cash for the purchase of rice locally.

No. 2. Administration building for Saigon. $12,000 already in hand. $8,000 needed.

No. 3. No Protestant hospital (except S.D.A.) in the entire country. A very urgent need. $20,000 for a 70 bed hospital is requested.

No. 4. Orphanage building. $5,000 support for 32 children at $105 a year. (Children of pastors and leaders who died in the 14 year war with Communists). One-third of building cost is already pledged. The orphanage is in Nhatrang, about 200 miles north of Saigon.

INDIA. Mr. I Ben Wati, whose duties as executive secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India have brought him rapidly to the front, is in urgent need of a travel allowance of $50 a month for the coming year. His duties are taking him constantly to points far away from the office, which is located in Jhansi in Central India.

INDIA. A letter just received from Dr. Everett L. Cattell, Executive Secretary of E.F.I. tells of an Indian young woman, Miss Rose Nawalker, who is available to them as secretary in the office in Jhansi. Her services are greatly needed. He writes, "She is of Marathi parents but was brought up in English living style and speaks English better than any other language. She is a remarkable product of the grace of God as she has come out into such a clear Christian life.

Miss Nawalker became a trained stenographer and rose to the position of secretary to the Chief officer of the Port Trust in Calcutta, but from this most responsible job she felt called to Christian service. She left her job to take two years of training in Calcutta Bible College. She has just finished that course and is now ready for service. She is a most able person with outstanding ability which goes much beyond mere stenography.

INDIA. Mr. K. V. Cherian, one of the secretaries of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, is conducting a most impressive movement of evangelism and revival in South India which is being integrated into the general E.F.I. program. He receives no salary, although he was offered one, but trusts the Lord for the supply of his own needs and those of his 20 or more helpers. We strongly recommend designated offerings for this humble and devoted serv-

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LEFT — Top: Radio broadcasting group, Evangelical Fellowship of India. Middle and Bottom: Over 700 Korean ministers gather at San Kak Mountain under evangelical auspices for reconsecration and prayer for revival.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO BE RIGHT

An "NAE Week" Message to Evangelicals

By GEORGE L. FORD

Executive Director, National Association of Evangelicals

THE necessity of Christian maturity is emphasized by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4. One mark of this maturity is noted in verse 15—"speaking the truth." This means we must first of all learn God's truth in the Bible, and then we must preach it and stand for its defense. In the preceding verse Paul calls attention to our need to be grown up in our Christian insight. We are not to be like children, deceived by the "sleight of men and cunning craftiness."

However, Paul makes it clear that it is not enough to be right in our knowledge and preaching. To the words, "speaking the truth," he adds "in love." To possess, proclaim and defend the Gospel is vital, but it must always be done in the spirit of Christ. This love emphasis is important to observe in a day in which constant vigilance is required in order to maintain the religious liberties essential to unhindered preaching of the Gospel.

There are many people who seem unable to comprehend that powerful forces are at work to hinder the preaching of the word of God. They feel that any mention of Roman Catholic opposition, for instance, is unnecessary reemphasis of the Catholic-Protestant conflict. Such people should go to Colombia, South America, and view the burned-out shells of churches, talk with the families of martyred Christians, and spend time with the missionaries who almost daily face the militant opposition directed by the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Lest it would appear that this is only a foreign problem, let us remember the banning of the Martin Luther film in Chicago (see *Action,* Feb. 15 issue), the Fordham University incident (*Action,* Feb. 1, issue), and the attacks on Protestant ministers in Quebec.

Again, many find it difficult to believe that an agency of the National Council of Churches would seek to keep evangelical radio programs off the air. However, this has been the result of action of the NCC's Broadcasting and Film Commission. The NAE and the National Religious Broadcasters have nullified much of the effectiveness of the commission's action, but further rectifying steps are needed, especially on the local level.

There are those, as well, who doubt that local councils of churches, acting upon recommendations from the National Council of Churches, are preventing the construction of churches in new and redeveloped housing areas by those not cooperating with their programs; however, this has happened in our nation's capital and in many other places. The NAE is fighting this discriminatory process and achieving good results, but here again much remains to be done.

It is necessary, then, that we be not children, but that we be mature in our insight into the opposition we face. We must understand that there is a "cunning craftiness" even in the religious realm which seeks to hinder the progress of the Gospel. Christian maturity demands that we be alert, discerning and fearless, willing to accept the responsibility which is ours of speaking out clearly and wisely against efforts to hinder the advancement of the Church. As Paul called upon the privileges of Roman citizenship to prevent the curtailment of his ministry before the completion of his God-given objective, we also have the right and the responsibility of calling upon the privileges of American liberties which our Constitution guarantees and upon which the ministry of the Gospel of Christ to a large degree depends.

Let us remember that to be right and to stand for the right is not enough. We must speak the truth, but it always must be in love. It is possible for us to be right in the wrong way. This is too nearly like being wrong the right way. As evangelicals we do not accept the position of the liberal who has reduced basic Christian concepts of the validity of the Scriptures and the nature and work of Christ to a human ethical standard. But we must not forget that if we speak the truth in hatred, malice or a spirit of retaliation, we, too, are wrong though we are standing for the right. For 15 years the National Association of Evangelicals has stood for the truth and has spoken out against infringements upon our liberties that would hinder the progress of the Gospel. We believe that under God this essential ministry shall long continue. If it does, it will be because the entire work of the NAE is bathed in prayer, blessed of God and directed by the Holy Spirit. It will be because the spirit of Christ is within our hearts and our lives demonstrate the love of Christ before the world. It is not enough to be right. We must be right in the right way, and that is the way of love.

Dr. Billy Graham, speaking at the 15th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in April, said: "The one mark of a Christian is not orthodoxy, as important as that is —and I believe every word of the NAE Statement of Faith; it is not evangelism, as important as I believe evangelism is; the one mark of the Christian is 'By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples in that ye love one another.' "

The NAE provides the framework for the demonstration of both the love of God and the unity of believers to the world. The Holy Spirit will provide the power for the demonstration of love and unity if we are wholly yielded to the will of God.

The week of October 20 to 27 has been designated as "NAE Week." This offers a wonderful opportunity for evangelicals across America to show their essential unity and love for one another. This year "NAE Week" has been set aside to commemorate the 15 years of spiritual service provided by the NAE in behalf of evangelicals.

The seven fields of service suggested at its inception in 1942 have expanded

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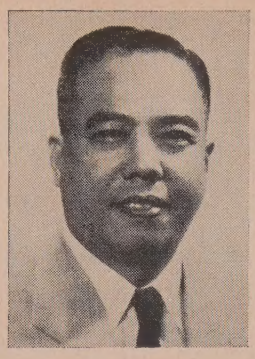

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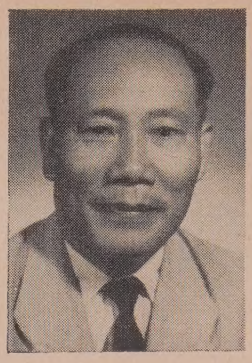

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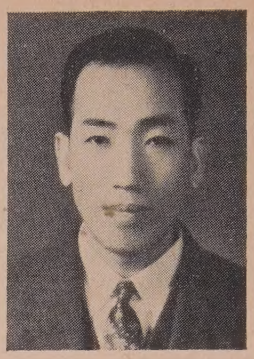

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greatly, and now the NAE operates in the following areas: church extension, home missions, stewardship, higher education, military chaplaincies, spiritual life, world relief, women's fellowship, laymen's council, youth, social action, evangelical action, publications, public relations and relations with evangelicals of other lands. In addition, these NAE affiliates serve evangelicals: National Sunday School Association, National Associaton of Christian Schools, National Religious Broadcasters, Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and the Evangelical Welfare Agency.

Climaxing the week is "NAE Sunday" on October 27. Pastors are asked to cooperate on this special day by speaking to their congregations on the reasons for the NAE's existence and the present ministry it exercises in their behalf. Bulletin covers or inserts, descriptive folders and a handbook of information are available by writing to the NAE headquarters office, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, or to the nearest regional office.

Progress

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and other professions, to accept positions abroad, particularly in areas closed to missionary effort. They could perform a major job of witnessing and lead study groups which might blossom into little cells of Christian leadership. One of the important features of this program would be the fact that these witnesses for Christ would require no outfitting, transportation or salary from missionary sources as all these would be paid by their employers.

Our part in this project would be to connect the volunteer witnesses with overseas employment by engineering and construction firms, and educational projects.

Space forbids the further elaboration of the many new sources from which leadership and new techniques may be obtained for finishing our task. The most encouraging factors are that missionary societies are getting out of the ruts which have impeded their progress, and that a whole new group of organizations which are specialists in "services" to be rendered to missions and national churches are beginning to make an impact of major proportions on the situation.

Witnesses

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As the Church comes into its own and mission influence and money decrease, young people who are called to the ministry are faced with new demands on their faith. Will the Church in India be able—and willing—to support full-time Christian workers? Some of the students in U.B.S. have met this by first taking some secular training in order to be self-supporting if necessary as they preach and witness. Others looking to the Church have said, "I am called to preach the gospel, and to this I want to devote my full strength and time. If I take other training, it it will be to prepare more adequately for this ministry." Many, it seems, bewildered by the demands of the new day, have been deflected from their calling. The sad fact must be told that far too few young men and women are volunteering for full-time Christian work.

On the other hand, what a tragedy it is that every year students applying for entry to Union Biblical Seminary have had to be turned away with the comment, "So sorry, but we have no room for you." Prayer has been answered in the supplying of a highly qualified staff of eleven, representing eight denominations from five different countries. National staff members are being added as rapidly as possible. But the building need is urgent. The Board of Governors has dared to dream of the day when there will be a good library and administration building, adequate classroom space, quarters for married students and additional hostel units as well as two more staff houses. Many individuals and groups may be looking into their pockets at their few coins just now to say, "But what are they among so many!" The rich man had his all to give and the widow her two mites. It will take this from a host of us to insure that those whom He calls will have the opportunity to fulfill their vocation.

A New Kind

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ant of Christ, who enjoys the confidence of all who have known him through the years.

TAIWAN. The Evangelical Fellowship of Taiwan recommends the following as "top priority" needs:

$10,000 for the completion of the Lilian Hobson Center, the clearing house in the area of many cooperative objectives.

$720 a year for an additional office worker at the Center.

$1200 for radio programs in tribal languages. Time can be purchased for as little as $2 an hour on some stations, or $104 once a week for an entire year.

These are but samples of many overseas needs for which our assistance has been urgently asked. We believe they are of sufficient importance to share with our friends. Address, SHARE, World Evangelical Fellowship, 120 Tremont Street, Box 99, Boston 1, Massachusetts.

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3. If you do not care to designate a particular project we will apply the gifts to situations and needs that seem particularly urgent, and make the receipts accordingly.

Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

Evangelical Ecumenicity

THE WORLD OUTREACH of evangelical cooperation as expressed in the World Evangelical Fellowship is of special concern in this issue. We rejoice to record the victories of this rapidly developing organization with which the National Association of Evangelicals is affiliated.

The WEF may be somewhat overshadowed by the World Council of Churches and its grandiose ecumenical drive for the development of "The Coming Great Church," but we believe the WEF has "come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Ecumenicity that is not evangelical cannot be the answer to our Lord's Prayer for Unity in John 17.

The true evangelical spirit is to be found in the rank-and-file of the constituencies of some Councils of Churches in some parts of the world. The Bandung Pastors' Conference in Indonesia, featured on our front page, is an example of this grass roots desire to win the world for Christ.

The total composition of the WCC, however, is such that it cannot be thoroughly and wholeheartedly evangelical. In its ecumenical fellowship are the Eastern Orthodox Church, which persecutes evangelical missionaries who dare proclaim the Gospel in its precincts; the "liberal" Protestants who have taken the evangel out of evangelism; the state-church Anglican and Lutheran hierarchies notably lukewarm toward evangelism; the so-called "younger churches" of the East that think in terms of the social gospel and a new "Kingdom of God on earth." It is quite natural that World Council emphasis cannot be on Jesus Christ the Crucified Saviour, not upon the Gospel as the only hope of the World, not upon the Great Commission Christ gave to the church, not upon conversion and salvation. Its concern is for a united church with a program of social righteousness in a new social order and ways and means of relieving mankind's human sufferings and needs.

Because of this and other considerations evangelicals around the world were driven to seek fellowship in an organization that would keep the emphasis upon those elements of the Christian faith that are revealed in the Holy Scriptures and were demonstrated in the life of the Apostolic Church. The World Evangelical Fellowship was the result.

The WEF is not a Council of Churches. It is a fellowship of like-minded evangelicals in affiliated national associations of evangelicals around the world. It gladly associates and cooperates with all evangelicals everywhere "that the world may believe." It is a united testimony for "the faith once for all delivered"; a haven of evangelical fellowship made rich in a common faith and Lord; and a medium through which evangelical conviction may be translated into effective evangelical action.

It is quite natural that the WEF has strongly emphasized its evangelistic mission. It has, through its national associations, been used of God as the springboard for the promotion of the Billy Graham revivals in many lands. It has encouraged united prayer for revival. It has been the means of bringing together thousands of nationals—evangelists and pastors—for inspiration and training in their evangelistic task. The WEF is deeply concerned over the 1,600,000,000 out of Christ in the world today and seeks to stir the Church to a renewed zeal in saving the lost.

The WEF is the answer to those who seek a sound basis for evangelical Christian cooperation at the world level. The Fellowship stands four-square for the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in the Holy Scriptures. It refuses to compromise with quasi-Christian forces. It seeks the motivation, the direction and the power of the Holy Spirit in all its endeavors. It is dealing realistically with the problems of the hour. It is small wonder that the movement is rapidly gaining ground. It merits our prayers, our labors and our generous financial support.

Reformation Principles

THE LAST SUNDAY in October is traditionally observed as "Reformation Sunday" commemorating the day (October 31, 1517) when Martin Luther nailed his "Ninety-five Theses" to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg and brought new life and blessing to Christendom. That event marked Christianity's release from bondage to Rome and its return to the biblical faith.

Let us this year remind ourselves of the cardinal principles of Reformation doctrine which set Protestantism apart from Rome:

First, we believe that Christianity consists of what Christ and the Apostles taught and commanded in the Holy Scriptures. We renounce the doctrines, the traditions and the canon laws of the Roman Church.

Second, we believe that in the sacrifice of Christ, He was offered once for all to bear the sins of many and has perfected forever those who are sanctified. We renounce the principle of the mass with its sacrificing priests.

Third, we believe in the justification of the sinner before God by faith in Christ. We renounce the doctrine of justification by good works.

Fourth, we believe that there is one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus who is at the right hand of God making intercession for us. We reject the carnal theory of the intercession of Mary and of the saints and of the human priestly office.

Fifth, we believe in the freedom of the human spirit. We reject the temporal and spiritual rule of the papacy and the hierarchial system. Only those who are in voluntary bondage to Christ the Lord are free indeed.

On this Reformation Sunday let us lift up Christ as Lord and Saviour. He and He alone is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him. The Father is ready to receive every penitent prodigal. The Son is ready to give free, full and complete forgiveness to every redeemed sinner and to justify him for eternity. The Holy Spirit is ready to sanctify, renew, instruct and help all who call upon Him. The Church of Christ made up of the redeemed on earth is ready to welcome all born-again believers to partake of its fellowship and its joys. Let us shout the glad news: "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

If we will do this, Reformation Sunday 1957 can be another Pentecost.

World Wide

BANDUNG, Indonesia. — The first Conference of Christian Workers in Indonesia was held in Bandung, September 2 to 6. The opening service was held in Hotel Homan, September 2. Rev. Gwan Yang was chairman. Besides Government leaders who spoke in the service, Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus gave a message on the New Life Movement. There were 607 delegates registered for the conference. Eighty-five per cent of the delegates were pastors, preachers and missionaries.

Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, gave a report indicating that his organization spent 15,000,000 rupiahs for the Orient during the year 1956. His inspirational addresses touched the whole conference. Dr. Paul S. Rees gave the devotional messages for the Christian workers. Rev. Gregorio Tingson, Filipino leader, spoke challengingly. Dr. Harold Jefferies presented the claims of the Sunday Schools. Delegates represented Church Councils, Evangelical Fellowships, Pentecostal missions and Independent evangelical churches.

KOREA—Soon Bong Cheun, General Secretary of the NAE in Korea, reports that 120 instructors have met at the Nam San Methodist Church to receive a briefing for follow-up work with converts in the recent revival services conducted by Evangelist Sam Todd. President Dr. Byun, presided and Dr. Dae Young Lee was the principal speaker.

The national office of the NAE has recently been moved to a more favorable location and many new branches are being established.

THE ORIENT—The annual Pastors Conferences under the auspices of World Vision were held in Djakarta, September 2-6; The Philippines, September 9-13; 16-20; Formosa, September 20-24; Tokyo, Japan, September 26-27; Korea, September 29-October 4; Seoul Crusade, September 29-October 20. Dr. Bob Pierce, President, was joined by Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis and Dr. Richard Halverson of International Christian leadership in this series.

TAIWAN — Fifty-eight Protestant missionary organizations are established in Taiwan. Their personnel at the time of a recent survey numbered 447.

VIETNAM—Rev. Le-van-Thai, president of the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, was a featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, held at Charlotte, North Carolina. He praised the Alliance for its work among his people. It was his first visit to the United States. Speaking through a missionary interpreter, Mr. Thai said the Alliance is the only Protestant group in Vietnam. It has 128 pastors and 160 preaching places there, with 12,519 members in areas which are not dominated by the communists. He said many of its churches were destroyed and its ministers killed during fighting between the French and Communist forces.

EVANGELICALS in South Vietnam have a deep concern for the orphaned children. This is a scene at the Christian Orphanage in Nhatrang.

HONG KONG—A recent report issued by the local government disclosed that of the 391 square land miles in the colony, only 62 can now be classified as usable land. Of these 62, 50 are under cultivation, leaving 12 square miles in which are now living more than two million people—nearly 200,000 persons to every square mile of the city.

NEW YORK—The American Bible Society is launching an experiment in Pakistan, Liberia and Mexico for bringing the Scriptures to illiterate and semi-literate peoples by way of a new, inexpensive phonograph. The phonograph, which costs less than a dollar and operates by hand turning rather than by motor or spring, is accompanied by records containing Bible readings. The absence of a spring mechanism permits it to be operated in tropical climates without danger of breakdown. The recordings, of course, are in translations suitable for the people of each area.

TOKYO—Japan's population is now given at 88.5 million souls. If the USA were as densely populated as Japan (579 to the square mile) it would hold all the people now living in the world.

TRIPOLI—The North Africa Mission, requesting prayer for their work on the field, reports: "Right now treaties are being drafted in Morocco which will affect the status of national Christians and missionaries alike. . . . Recent conversions of Moslems to Christ in Libya have caused the government officials to view the prospect of a mission hospital in Tripoli with some misgivings. They have stated frankly that their interest in assisting this project stems from the fact that, so far as they could see, there had been no converts. Now, of course, it is a different matter."

CLEVELAND, TENN.—The Department of Missions of the Church of God report that they are now operating in 56 foreign countries and have a membership of 140,000. They are operating 29 Bible Institutes and self-supporting printing presses in India and Germany. Their periodical *Church of God Evangel* is printed in nine languages.

CHICAGO—The Open Air Campaigners, an Australian organization devoted to out-of-doors evangelism, has recently established an office here. Mr. L. M. Werry, General Director of the organization, has arrived with his family for a two-year stay in America while the work is being established.

JHANSI, INDIA—Mr. I. Ben Wati has succeeded Dr. Everett L. Cattell as executive Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. Dr. Cattell has been recalled to America to work from the Home office of his society—the Ohio Friends. Mr. Wati has been coming to the front rapidly as one of the most promising of the younger leaders in India. He was born in Assam.

Miss Rose D. Nawalker of Calcutta has accepted an invitation to serve as assistant secretary.

The enrollment of students at Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal has reached 101.

Jhansi has been voted the permanent headquarters of E.F.I. It occupies a portion of the ample compound of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission.

TANGIER—"The Voice of Tangier" reports a great advance in its radio ministry during the past three years. Broadcasting, time—7 fold increase, number of programs—9 fold increase, listeners' letters—50 fold increase, New Testaments requested—25 fold increase.

Perils of Airborne Drunks

Since the close of the hearings by a Senate subcommittee on the banning of air alcohol the Airline Pilots Association has submitted a list of thirty incidents illustrating the dangers of alcohol aloft.

The two bills pending before Senator Monroney's subcommittee would ban all consumption of liquor in flight.

In one instance an intoxicated passenger attempting to get a drink of water grasped the handle of the main cabin door. "Had he been successful in moving the handle we would have lost him and the hostess," the report declared.

The Airline Pilots Association claims that airborne drunks are becoming a major hazard to air safety. The report covered instances ranging from nuisances to near disaster.

The president of the association stated that "the practice (of serving liquor on planes) is spreading and competitive pressures are being created on carriers still refusing to adopt the practice."

Another incident reported by the pilots stated:

"A short, well-inebriated man wandered into the cockpit and began to berate me for being 'angry with him and just what did I have against him anyhow?'

"A circle of the field was necessary while a hammerlock was applied to convince him that the captain was not mad at him and that he should return to his seat."

The Civil Aeronautics Board has insisted that investigation "did not disclose any incident in which the serving of alcoholic beverages might have jeopardized safety."

A spokesman for the Senate subcommittee told a Washington official of the NAE that the incidents submitted by the pilots are being "checked out" by the CAB and the Airlines. Previous reports from these sources have tended to minimize the danger factor associated with the serving of alcohol aloft.

Catholics on Immigration

The Department of Immigration, National Catholic Welfare Conference, points to a "heartening disposition" among members of Congress to correct many deficiencies in the present immigration legislation, according to the Washington Religious Report.

The NCWC expressed its viewpoint in a letter to Senator James Eastland, of Mississippi, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The letter was signed by Bruce M. Mohler, director of the NCWC immigration department, which in its 36 years has aided more than 1,000,000 immigrants.

"As your committee must be aware," wrote Mr. Mohler, "we have always regarded the McCarran-Walter Act as a definite improvement over the previously existing confusion of separate laws, while concurring nevertheless with the sponsors of the act themselves who acknowledged in the beginning the need for change in the future. Now for the first time, there exists in

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both branches of Congress a heartening disposition to correct many deficiencies through various measures that are apparently reasonable, practical and acceptable."

Roman Catholic officials have been openly hopeful that immigration quotas may be shifted to Southern and Eastern European countries.

Holiday Deaths and Alcohol

Figures from the National Safety Council indicate that liquor is involved in at least 50 per cent of holiday traffic fatalities. This would mean that over 200 people died in traffic accidents involving alcohol during the 78-hour holiday weekend.

The Council had predicted that 420 people would lose their lives in traffic accidents over Labor Day holiday. The actual total of 426 fatalities underscored the Council's ability to predict in advance what will happen on the nation's highways.

The nationally recognized safety group can even tabulate probable causes of accidents. For instance, before the 1957 Labor Day weekend the Council knew that about one-half of the highway fatalities would involve a drinking driver.

According to the 1957 edition of "Accident Facts," a Council Publication, "a drinking driver was involved in about 30 per cent of all fatal accidents in 1956."

But special studies conducted by the Council and reported in the same publication place the holiday accident rate involving drinking drivers much higher. For instance, 55 per cent of the 1955 Christmas fatalities were traced to drinking drivers.

In 1956 the National Safety Council made a special study of Labor Day traffic fatalities. The result showed that 48 per cent of the fatal accidents involved drinking drivers.

Authorities in more and more areas are taking steps to control and apprehend drinking drivers, stated the Clipsheet published by the Methodist Board of Temperance.

The National Safety Council's Committee on Tests for Intoxication has reported that last year all 48 states used some form of test to determine the degree of intoxication in suspected drinking drivers. Only 27 states now have chemical test laws as such, but enforcement officers in all states are now using some chemical testing.

Another good sign for the future: In 1957, 26 state lawmaking bodies considered proposed chemical test laws to either amend present statutes or initiate chemical testing procedures. Public concern over drinking and methods of controlling it continues to grow.

Jesuits Get TV Channel

Television Channel 4 at New Orleans has been awarded to Loyola University, a Jesuit institution, by the Federal Communications Commission, but an appeal has been taken by both of the unsuccessful applicants, James A. Noe & Co. and The Times-Picayune Publishing Co., to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, according to *Church and State*. There is a possibility that POAU may participate in the appeal in the role of *amicus curiae* with one of the litigants, James A. Noe, since Noe's attorneys have raised a pertinent church-state issue. The appeal will be argued this fall.

As to the question of control of the station, the Noe appeal points out that according to the Jesuit station's charter all seven directors must be members of the Society of Jesus. Three of these are appointed by the president of Loyola; four others are directors *ex officio*, being respectively the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the University.

Since the Society of Jesus is both foreign and authoritarian in its rule, attorneys for Noe argue in their notice of appeal that all seven directors are under the actual control of a Belgian, the Superior-General of the Jesuits, whose headquarters are in Rome. They point out that the total membership of the Society of Jesus is approximately 32,000 and that only about 7,500 Jesuits reside in the United States. Thus the Society is predominantly an alien organization.

The Noe appeal is based primarily upon that section of the Communications Acts which forbids the granting of a license to an "alien or the representative of an alien." This provision has been strictly enforced against a small station owned by a minor Mormon sect which had one Canadian director, but neither the FCC nor the courts have yet compelled the Vatican or its agencies to conform to this section of the law.

One of the issues indirectly at stake in the appeal is the legal right of the Jesuits to establish a chain of television and radio stations under their control. During the last year they have attempted to secure permanent television licenses in both New Orleans and St. Louis, but they were denied their application in St. Louis by the Commission, and originally a Commission examiner recommended denial in New Orleans also. But the examiner's decision in respect to New Orleans was overruled by the Commission itself without a specific analysis and judgment on the "alien" issue. The Noe attorneys, headed by Warren Woods of Washington, are prepared to take the issue of the alien character of the Jesuits, if necessary, to the United States Supreme Court.

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United Action

Dr. Stephen Paine Is Keynote Speaker

DETROIT—A regional "Convention of Conventions," especially planned for practical and spiritual leadership, will be held here October 21-22 under auspices of the Great Lakes Region National Association of Evangelicals, according to announcement by Rev. Don W. Rogers, regional director.

Twenty workshops will be conducted in ten strategic fields: Sunday School, World Missions, Religious Radio-TV Crisis, Church Planning, Christian Education Today, Race Relations, Evangelical Welfare, Comity, Music in the Church Program, and Christian Day Schools.

Among the speakers will be: Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton (N.Y.) College, keynote address; Dr. H. H. Savage, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich.; Rev. Ralph S. Crees, administrative assistant, National Sunday School Association, Chicago; Rev. Joseph Kimball, *Christian Life* Church Planning Specialist; Rev. R. E. Thompson, Missionary Candidate Training Program, Detroit, and Dr. Richard Rohland, Protestant Youth Organization, also of Detroit.

Graham May Conduct Big Chicago Crusade

CHICAGO—Evangelist Billy Graham may conduct a Chicago Crusade similar to his recent New York Crusade.

Rev. Arthur L. Bray, president of the Chicago Evangelical Ministers Association, said Protestant leaders of all denominations will be asked to join in an invitation to Mr. Graham to come here.

He said Mr. Graham has indicated he is definitely interested in coming to Chicago but is "seeking God's time." A Graham Chicago Crusade probably could not be held before 1959 or 1960 because of the extensive planning required, Mr. Bray added.

The Chicago clergymen said a "strategy" luncheon meeting, attended by key ministers and laymen, will be held here late this month or early October to lay the groundwork for a joint invitation to Mr. Graham.

Later on, he said, about 2,000 people will be invited to a "kick-off" breakfast at which a "Billy Graham Crusade Steering Committee" probably will be named.

This move is in line with the origins of Billy Graham crusades in other cities. The urge and motivation for revival has come from evangelicals.

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Education

Biblical Studies School Gets Okay From Israel

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Israel has granted permission to a corporation headed by three Minneapolis evangelical Protestant churchmen to start a graduate school of biblical studies in Jerusalem.

Word of the government approval came in a cable from Dr. G. Douglas Young, who has spent the summer in Israel making arrangements for the school and excavating with Dr. Yigael Yadin, famed soldier-scholar.

Dr. Young, who will be the school's director, said he hoped it would be ready to open in the fall of 1958. Faculty and students are now being sought, he said.

Dr. Young, an Old Testament scholar, was dean of education at Northwestern College here until last June. When he returns from Israel late this month he will become dean of Trinity Theological Seminary, Chicago. After the 1957-58 school year, he is expected to move to Israel.

Dr. Richard Elvee is president of the new school.

Divinity School Opens With Record Enrollment

BOSTON, Mass.—163 men enrolled for the 26th year of Gordon Divinity School in Beverly Farms. Besides the 100 returning students, 63 new registrations are being completed for graduation of 22 college and universities. While most of the new theologs are from the States, seven are from Canada, one from France and one from South Africa. Dean Burton L. Goddard reports the men represent a wide range of evangelical communions.

The Divinity School, which began in 1931 as the Graduate Theological School of Gordon College, was given a separate faculty and building when it moved in 1945 from Boston to Brookline. It moved to Gordon's new 1000 acre campus in Beverly Farms in 1951. During the School's history 528 graduate degrees have been conferred.

Whittier Church School Opens Its Second Year

WHITTIER, Calif.—Bethany Baptist Church, Rev. Wayne Wessner, pastor, has opened the second year of its Christian Elementary School. The school has grades kindergarten through fifth.

New principal of the Whittier School is Rev. Everett Backlin, pastor for the past twenty-three years. He is a graduate of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., and Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

Grades will be added yearly until the Whittier Church School will have kindergarten through eighth grade. The curriculum of the school will be Bible-centered, offering greater emphasis upon the 3 R's with basic Christian teaching guiding all instruction. Expected registration for the new school year is 170.

Trinity Opens Year Largest Enrollment

CHICAGO.—An enrollment of 295 students marked the beginning of the fall term at Trinity Seminary and Bible College in Chicago. Of this number, 235 were in the College division and 60 in the Seminary.

This is an increase of 72 students over last fall and is the largest number of students to enroll at Trinity in its 60 year history according to Dr. H. W. Norton, President of Trinity, which is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America.

The men in the Seminary are eagerly awaiting the return of the Dean, G. Douglas Young, who has been in Israel this past summer engaged in archeological exploration.

Radio-TV

Ask FCC Hold Hearing On Los Angeles Station

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — The National Association for Better Radio and Television has asked the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a public hearing on whether the license of TV Station KCOB of Los Angeles should be renewed. The association charged that the station carries several fundamentalist religious programs that are inimical to the public interest.

It singled out for special criticism "faith healing" programs of evangelist Oral Roberts which the group alleged

are "misleading and defrauding the public."

The association, a non-profit group with headquarters in California, also criticized KCOB for allegedly permitting religious broadcasters to make repeated solicitations for funds. It further maintained that the station does not provide time for discussion of both sides of controversial issues.

In connection with its charges against the Oral Roberts programs the association submitted to the FCC the results of a recent poll of doctors, psychiatrists and Protestant ministers in the Los Angeles area. It said 88.6 per cent of the clergymen who responded opposed the Roberts broadcasts, only 3.8 per cent approved them, and 7.6 per cent gave qualified approval.

Every doctor and psychologist who answered the questionnaire criticized the Roberts programs, the association added.

CBS Network Plans TV Program on Evangelists

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A one-hour program of films showing various evangelists in action will be televised by the Columbia Broadcasting System in November.

Entitled "The Evangelist," the program will depict the techniques used by evangelists from Billy Sunday to Billy Graham in spreading the Gospel and winning converts. It will be a feature of the "Seven Lively Arts" series which makes its debut on the CBS network on Sunday, Nov. 3.

A CBS spokesman said "The Evangelist" may be the third presentation in the series.

The network sent camera crews on a tour of seven states to film material on evangelists and church groups.

Mr. Graham and his recent New York Crusade will receive extensive coverage. The films show some of his meetings in Madison Square Garden and the huge rally in Yankee Stadium last July when some 100,000 persons heard him speak.

Other evangelists whose activities will be shown include Oral Roberts and the late Aimee Semple McPherson.

The special program is being produced by Robert Goldman of CBS. The narration will be done by a commentator.

public affairs

Jews Attack USA Sunday Observance

NEW YORK—A pamphlet entitled "Sunday Laws, a Violation of Religious Liberty," issued here by the American Jewish Congress is being used as propaganda to destroy USA Sunday observance.

It says Sunday laws are "religious statutes" that violate the separation of Church and State, "favor one religion and discriminate against all seventh-day observers."

"Even if the laws be regarded as health measures," the pamphlet states, "they unconstitutionally abridge the religious liberties of those observing Saturday as their day of rest."

The pamphlet also contends that "the crazy-quilt pattern of exemptions to the Sunday laws are arbitrary, discriminate against the small retailer, and therefore violate the principle of equal justice under law."

The AJC is pressing efforts, the brochure said, to "convince the state legislatures that the time is long past when a church can rely on the coercive arm of a secular government to enforce its sectarian practices."

"Sunday laws, in fact, arose from just such a Church-State union," it declared.

The pamphlet said that Sunday laws of the states have become a "jumble of archaic regulations and self-contradictory provisions." Enforcement of these laws, the AJC added, shows "little consistency or justice."

Liquor Bill Three Times Church Gifts

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Americans spent three times as much on alcoholic beverages last year as they contributed to churches, religious bodies and welfare organizations, the Methodist Board of Temperance reported here (*Action*, October 1).

It gave Department of Commerce figures showing that $10,500,000,000 was spent for liquor in 1956. The amount given for religious and welfare activities was $3,746,000,000.

Last year's liquor expenditure was $410,000,000 higher than the 1955 figure.

The statistical report also said Americans spent $2,416,000,000 for books, magazines and newspapers last year; $3,269,000,000 for physicians; and $1,173,000,000 for medical care and hospitalization. insurance.

A total of $5,681,000,000 was spent for tobacco.

Episcopal Journal Hits California Tax

LOS ANGELES—(RNS)—The official paper of the Episcopal Diocese of California charged here that a group seeking to reimpose property taxes on parochial and private schools in the state has as its real goal to "eliminate from the educational scene all religious-sponsored and non-public schools."

The *Episcopal Review* identified the group as Californians for Public Schools. The group obtained enough petition signatures to place on the November, 1958, ballot as a constitutional amendment a proposal to repeal the tax exemption of non-profit parochial and private schools.

"Our schools open this fall under a threatening cloud," the paper said. "Along with all institutions of the same type they are the target of a relentless and well-financed attack by a militant minority."

It asked why any group should be "so virulent in trying to tax our schools," adding "it is easily demonstrable that the 433 Protestant and non-sectarian and independent schools in California do not cost taxpayers money but save taxpayers money."

"What the group using the misleading title, 'Californians for Public Schools' is really after is more subtle and sinister," the *Episcopal Review* continued. "At base they simply want to eliminate from the California educational scene all religious-sponsored and non-public schools. In their hearts they believe no education that is not state-operated should exist."

LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● STRONG ANTI-MERGER sentiment is developing within the Congregational Christian Churches as they approach integration with Evangelical and Reformed Churches. The "National Association of Congregational Churches" will hold a convention at Hartford, Conn., October 15-17 to consider drastic moves. Many of the largest churches in the denomination are involved. In Pennsylvania a new state Association has been formed for churches which will not go into the merger.

● DR. JOHN S. WIMBISH, for seven and one-half years pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, has resigned to return to his native Southland to take up a pastorate in his own Southern Baptist denomination.

● THE NEW ENGLAND Sunday School Convention, an affiliate of the National S. S. Association, will hold its annual convention in Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., October 17-19.

● GEORGIA METHODISTS are greatly disturbed over the fact that the controversial Southern Regional Council is housed in the Church-owned Wesley Memorial Building in Atlanta. SRC is a Communist-front enterprise, according to a recently published study of the American Legion.

● AUSTRALIAN EVANGELICALS are greatly encouraged by the acceptance of the Most Rev. H. W. K. Mowll, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, to be the first president of the new Australian Evangelical Alliance. The AEA will affiliate with the World Evangelical Fellowship.

● DETROIT EVANGELICALS will be host to the first Annual Convention of the Great Lakes Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, October 21-22. Dr. Stephen Paine, president of Houghton College and former president of the NAE, will be guest speaker. Other evangelical leaders will deliver addresses and conduct conferences. Sessions will be held in the First Church of the Nazarene, 18751 Fenkell Street.

● DR. LOWELL E. ROBERTS has been elected president of Friends University, Wichita, Kan. He is a graduate of Friends University, Asbury Theological Seminary and Gordon Divinity School. He has served as head of the Bible Department since 1944.

● EVANGELICAL THEOLOGIANS will gather at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, December 26-27, for their Ninth Annual Convention. The two themes selected for this meeting are: "Contemporary Christology" and "The Implications of the Dead Sea Scrolls for New Testament Study."

LEADERS CONFER ON GRAND RAPIDS CONVENTION

Dr. Clate A. Risley (center) executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, meets with (left to right) Robert T. Dykstra, Dr. W. W. Welsh, Chairman Clair J. Verway and Rev. Duane Reahm of the Grand Rapids Committee as plans are completed for the National Sunday School Convention in the Civic Auditorium, October 30-November 1.

sunday school

Methodists to Launch Sunday School by Mail

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (RNS) — A "Sunday school by mail" program was launched by The Methodist Church on Oct. 1, its General Board of Education announced here.

Methodist church-school curriculum materials will be sent free to families who enroll in the program, called "Church School at Home."

Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the board's Department of Christian Family, said the program will be directed especially to isolated families in the United States.

"There are thousands of families, especially in mountainous areas, who cannot get to a church without traveling long distances," he said. "And in the winter months many of the roads are impassable."

He added that "attending church school by mail won't compare with classroom instruction but it should be a lot better than nothing."

Dr. Staples said one of the first inquiries about the program came from a family of ten in West Virginia.

But he said the department expects it to be of most service in areas of Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Washington, Oregon, Maine and Vermont.

assemblies

Inland Empire Center Planned at Clear Lake

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Inland Empire Bible Conference has purchased almost 366 acres of property on Clear Lake, southwest of Spokane, for development of camp facilities and eventual construction of a home for elderly persons and development of a farm for boys.

Plans for the undertaking have been announced by Rev. Louis R. Buckley, Conference director.

The Bible conference itself, an interdenominational movement with 18 denominations represented, plans a $100,000 development program in the immediate future.

The lake property with 2,700 feet lake frontage will be surveyed and platted for sale of suburban home sites.

A central building with a hotel, dining room and chapel will be the first construction undertaking. Cabins, cottages and duplex apartments will be provided in addition to the hotel facilities.

The conference grounds will be a year-round center for youth work, missionary conclaves, evangelistic meetings and inter-church conventions as well as making possible an enlarged Bible conference program.

O. Martin Olsen is chairman of the board of trustees elected annually by the association which sponsors the Bible conference.

Fred W. Hause is chairman of the home development committee and J. A. Stueckle is head of the ground committee.

denominations

Lutherans Report Gain Of 245,363 New Members

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Membership in 16 Lutheran Churches in the United States and Canada totalled 7,618,301 in 1956, a gain of 245,363, or 3.3 per cent, over the previous year. The figures were reported here by the National Lutheran Council in its annual statistical survey.

The gain in baptized membership of the 245,363 was distributed among 17,587 congregations and represented an average increase of 14 new members per local church, compared to 14.6 in 1955.

For the 12th consecutive year, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod listed the largest numerical increase. It gained 76,033 baptized members or 3.6 per cent over 1955, for a total of 2,152,412. The Synod has added 712,041 members to its rolls in the last 12 years, an average of 59,337 annually. It is the second largest Lutheran body in America.

The United Lutheran Church in America, largest of the 16, reported a gain of 64,650, or 2.8 per cent, for a total membership of 2,335,352.

Largest increase on a percentage basis among the major bodies was recorded by the American Lutheran Church. Its gain of 38,434 members, or 4.2 per cent, sent total membership to 937,512. The ALC is the fourth largest Lutheran body.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church, third largest, reported an increase of 38,991 members, or 3.8 per cent, for a total of 1,043,230.

Southern Baptist Men In First Conference

OKLAHOMA CITY—(RNS)—Nearly 8,000 delegates to the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men here were exhorted by the keynote speaker to "accept the conditions and challenges of a freedom we haven't yet got."

Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor of First Baptist church, Austin, Tex., said: "We have not yet had the courage to claim eternal freedom."

In modern America, he said, the refuge for many is not the true temple of God but a "new kind of padded cell."

"We live in a world of locks and burglar alarms, pistols and railroad dectectives," Dr. Marney said. "We go for cedar-lined closets to protect us from insects and wind insurance to buy off the storms. Our lives are dependent on bank vaults, credit ratings, retirement plans.

"Caught in the frantic pace, we breathe faster, run harder, buy more, drink more, crack up oftener and bury quicker . . . And in place of our vaunted freedom appear the hard edges of a new padded cell: barbiturates to sleep on, caffein to wake up on, tranquilizers to calm shot nerves . . . aspirin for minor insulation, demerol for a blackout, beer to break the ice, vodka to melt it."

God no longer is "standard equipment" for millions of Americans, Dr. Marney said. He has become a "great accessory" to whom there is little occasion to turn, except when one wants to get—or forget.

The convention marked the 50th anniversary of organized men's work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

It featured twelve vocational seminars dealing with Christian witnessing in everyday jobs.

Methodist Youth Want Red China in the U. N.

DENVER—(RNS)—Seating of Red China in the United Nations, lifting of State Department restrictions against travel behind the Iron Curtain, and an end to nuclear weapons tests were called for here in resolutions adopted by the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

The group also asked Congress to conduct, and make public the results, a comprehensive, nationwide investigation of the total cost to Americans resulting from the sale and use of alcoholic beverages.

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THE STRENGTH OF SPIRITUAL UNITY

For 15 years the National Association of Evangelicals has demonstrated the strength of spiritual unity founded on experience and based upon the word of God. Millions of Bible-believing Christians have found in the NAE a fellowship, a voice and a positive spiritual witness.

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4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Several hours of heated debate preceded the 78-22 adoption of the resolution on the seating of Red China in the United Nations. The resolution, as finally approved, said that the power of the Red Chinese government cannot be ignored and that recognition would not imply approval of that regime.

"The pre-condition of reconciliation between the nations and races," it said, "is the establishment of relations under conditions conducive to greater mutual understanding."

Assemblies of God Name Top Leaders

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Top executives of the Assemblies of God, with international headquarters in Springfield, Mo., were named at a recent biennial convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Directing the denomination for the next two years will be Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God since 1953. Prior to his election as general superintendent, he had served as an assistant general superintendent in charge of the Education Department.

Assisting Dr. Riggs and directing church service departments of the Assemblies of God headquarters will be Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, named for a third term; Rev. Bert Webb, beginning a fifth term; Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, elected to a seventh term; and Rev. Charles W. H. Scott of Detroit, Mich., named to succeed Rev. J. O. Savell who declined re-election to accept a pastorate in Houston, Tex.

Portfolios will be assigned to the assistant general superintendents by the Rev. Riggs at the beginning of the new year. Each assistant will head one or more headquarters departments.

Re-elected general secretary was Rev. J. Roswell Flower, a founder of the Assemblies of God. Since organization of the denomination, Dr. Flower has held an executive capacity in the headquarters with exception to short terms as a district superintendent and as a pastor. He was named general secretary in 1914 at the founding convention, later served as foreign missions secretary and treasurer; assistant general superintendent; and was returned to the office of general secretary in 1936. He has continued in the office since.

Rev. Martin B. Netzel, Waxahachie, Tex., was elected general treasurer to succeed the Rev. Atwood Foster who declined re-election to head the Church Extension Plan, a program he assisted in establishing several years ago. Currently Mr. Netzel is serving as superintendent of the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God.

Other executives include four nonresident officials who assist in coordination of regional activities. They include Rev. Dwight McLaughlin, Seattle, Wash., district superintendent of the Northwest Assemblies of God; Rev. A. A. Wilson, pastor of Evangel Temple, Kansas City, Mo.; Roy Wead of Indianapolis, Ind., superintendent of the Indiana District of the church; and Rev. Howard Bush, Lakeland, Fla., superintendent of the South Florida District of the Assemblies of God.

Serving in the international headquarters in supervisory capacities for the next two years will be J. O. Harrell, manager of the Gospel Publishing House, printing division of the Assemblies of God; Rev. Robert C. Cunningham, editor of the *Pentecostal Evangel,* weekly voice of the denomination; Rev. Charles W. Denton, national secretary of the Sunday School Department; and Rev. Ralph Harris, editor of church school literature.

Kansas Wesleyans Hold 87th Session

MILTONVALE, Kan. — Pastors, evangelists and delegates from Wesleyan Methodist Churches in Colorado, Missouri and Kansas attended the 87th annual session of the Kansas Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America which convened here recently. Rev. Claire W. Dunbar, who has served as president the past seven years was unanimously reelected to office.

Noted guests who attended the Conference included such men as Dr. F. R. Birch, Fairmount, Ind., executive secretary of Wesleyan Methodist Foreign Missions; Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, Wichita, Kan., regional director of The National Association of Evangelicals; Rev. George Huff, missionary from Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Heer, missionaries-elect to South America; Dr. A. S. London, nationally known Sunday school evangelist of the Church of the Nazarene; and Virgil C. Finnell, executive secretary of the National Prohibition Committee.

Seventh Day Baptists Laud Anti-War Stand

MILTON, Wis.—Delegates to the 145th annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference here adopted a resolution expressing the denomination's "deep appreciation" to President Eisenhower for the "consistent manner in which he has planned to keep us out of war and provided for a national defense."

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The resolution also urged Mr. Eisenhower "as readily as our national defense will permit" to "definitely plan for the reduction of arms and military nuclear arms tests and direct the use of such energy toward the welfare of the peoples of the world."

Rev. Earl Cruzan of Adams Center, N. Y., was elected Conference president. He succeeds Charles F. Harris, a school teacher in Bridgeton, N. J. Mr. Cruzan said his theme for the year would be "One in Christ—Forward in Growth." A budget of $90,000 for next year was adopted.

Nearly 900 delegates attended the meeting which featured worship services, singspirations and reports of the denomination's missionary work abroad.

Moravians Adopt Statement of Faith

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — (RNS) — Attempts by the former Nazi regime in Germany to eliminate the Old Testament as part of the authoritative Scriptures of the Christian Church have resulted in a change in the Moravian Church's statement of faith.

Delegates to the Church's international General Synod here adopted a new statement specifying that both the Old and New Testaments are the sole source of its doctrine.

Previously, the denomination's statement of faith mentioned only "the Holy Scriptures" without reference to either the Old or New Testaments.

The new statement declares that "the Holy Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are and abide the only source and rule of the faith, doctrine and life" of the Church.

Dr. Heinz Renkewitz of Arnoldshain, Germany, chairman of the synod's committee on doctrine, submitted the statement to the delegates. He explained that the phrase "of both the Old and New Testaments" had been inserted because of attempts by the Nazi regime to eliminate the Old Testament.

The new statement also emphasizes the Moravian Church's desire for Christian unity and underscores its opposition to racial discrimination.

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World-Wide Survey Of Temperance Set

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(E/P)—A survey of church and state temperance programs in 11 countries is being made this fall by Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance's national headquarters in Washington, D. C. He is now on a 52-day trip to confer with church and government officials in India, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Egypt, Lebanon, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, England and Alaska.

"There is some type of temperance movement under way in every country I shall visit," Dr. Hooton said. "I hope to share ideas and experiences, not only to strengthen our Methodist program abroad but to find new methods and techniques for our work in the United States."

While in India he will speak at the Third European Institute for the Pre-

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vention of Alcoholism October 26-30 in Bombay.

One of three American members of the sponsoring committee, Dr. Hooton cited the institute as evidence of "an increasing desire in many countries for leadership in the search for solutions to alcohol problems." He will also make a special study of India's current efforts toward national prohibition.

Dr. Hooton has scheduled a conference in Rome with Vatican representatives to discuss the extent of abstinence societies in the Roman Catholic Church, and he is to meet in Geneva, Switzerland, with officials of the United Nations World Health Organization and the International Bureau Against Alcoholism.

WCTU Sees Drinking Uncontrolled in USA

MADISON, Wis. — (RNS) — The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union said here that drinking is "increasingly out of control" in most wet communities and local option elections "appear to be the indicated correctives."

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays of Evanston, Ill., told the union's executive committee that legislative and policy bodies have failed in their "regulatory obligations."

She said that about one-fifth of the country's population in one-fourth of its geographical area are now under prohibition—in the two dry states and lesser political subdivisions in 34 other states permitting local option.

"These areas feel, and an increasing number of people in wet areas are beginning to feel," she said, "that a few bootleggers in the bushes and back alleys are preferable to liquor displayed under neon signs on main streets and advertising to persuade people to drink it being blared into the home over radio and television."

Mrs. Hays said that the nation's drinkers are shown by Department of Commerce reports to be consuming three billion gallons of liquor, wine and beer annually, and paying $10½ billion a year to do so.

"This consumption," she said, "is more than double that of 1934, the first year of repeal, and the $10½ billion spent for drink is five times as great."

"The estimate that the cost of drink-caused crime, disease, insanity, loss of income, poverty, juvenile delinquency, broken homes and other human and economic waste to the nation, the state, the community, the family and the individual equals the amount spent for alcoholic beverages is not an exaggeration."

Mrs. Hays charged that the four billion dollars in taxes collected by national, state and local governments on alcoholic beverages are an opiate on "tax-hungry national and state legislative bodies in their attitudes for all forms of drunkenness to one million annually.

"Drink is costing the church millions of active members, and industry and business many tens of thousands of hours in absenteeism. Lack of political and police curbs places a green light on law violation and drunkenness."

The WCTU leader said that drinking parents are the major cause of juvenile drinking and delinquency. "Too many American homes," she declared, "have forgotten the Bible, to idolize a bottle."

Mrs. Hayes was re-elected president for another term.

Indecent Literature Drive in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—(RNS)—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy and laymen will be included on a citizens' committee planned here to rid newsstands of indecent literature.

The committee will be organized by the Allen County Prosecutor Glen J. Beams as part of his all-out drive against obscene publications.

Mr. Beams said the citizens' group will act as a guide to his office and to magazine dealers who are "trying to accept their social responsibility."

The prosecutor said he was surprised and pleased at the cooperation he has been promised by distributors and dealers.

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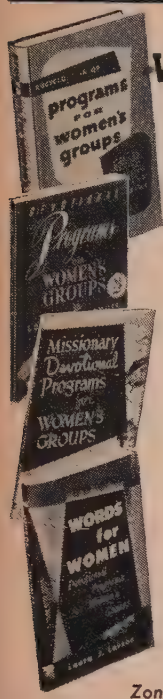

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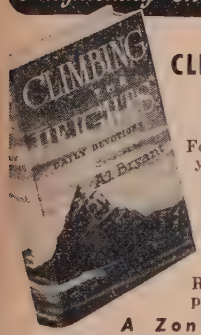

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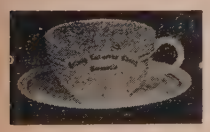

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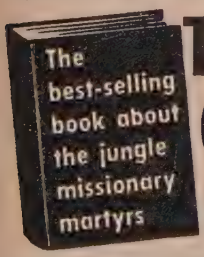

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Rev. Russell D. Bunsalus, president of Eastern Pilgrim College here, is chairman of the foundation's board of trustees. The college is operated by the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Plan Three Books on Oberlin Unity Confab

OBERLIN, O.—(RNS)—Three books will be published by Bethany Press in St. Louis as a follow-up of the North American Conference on Faith and Order here.

The first book will bear the title, "The Nature of the Unity We Seek," the conference theme. Bethany hopes to publish it in January. Dr. Paul S. Minear, conference secretary for study and program and professor of New Testament at Yale Divinity School, will be the editor.

A second volume will contain a study course of local churches based on conference discussions. This work will be edited by the Rev. George L. Hunt of the Presbyterian USA Board of Christian education.

The third book will be a symposium including articles by 10 to 12 contributors. Most of these will be reprints of articles which appeared in leading religious journals during the two-year preparatory period for the Oberlin meeting.

Dr. J. Robert Nelson will edit this volume. He became dean of Vanderbilt University Divinity School on Sept. 1. Formerly, he served four years as secretary of the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Nelson will write a new chapter interpreting the various contributions and relating them to the conference discussions.

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Purpose of these offices is to cover the area and make available to the constituents the various missionaries home on furlough and deputational speakers.

PTL Provides Gospels For German Servicemen

NEW YORK—Some 50,000 Gospels and 5,000 New Testaments have been distributed to Protestant members of West Germany's Armed Forces by the Pocket Testament League, it was announced here.

Alfred Kunz, the league's international director, said Gospels will be supplied to all those desiring them among West Germany's new military forces which are expected to number 500,000 men.

He said the books were distributed by the Rev. A. J. Overton, Jr., pastor of Grace Baptist church, Hendersonville, N. C., and Harry Liu, the League's field representative in Germany.

Mr. Kunz said the distribution was made with the endorsement of President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The project also had the approval of U. S. Ambassador David E. K. Bruce, Military Assistance Advisory Group Commander Gen. Clark L. Ruffner, and Dr. Herman Kunst of Bonn, Military Bishop of the Evangelical Church in Germany, he said.

The Gospels were flown from London, where they were printed, to Frankfurt by the U. S. Air Force, Mr. Kunz said.

Basketball Team Wins Its Spiritual Victories

UPLAND, Ind.—(MNS)—In Formosa forty thousand people who would not be reached by usual missionary work heard the gospel through the ministry of the Orient Crusades sponsored "Venture for Victory" basketball team this summer. In the city of Taipeh alone 8,000 Chinese watched a game in the armed forces stadium and heard the gospel preached.

Following a game in Hong Kong, a school principal wrote, "We are pleased to inform you that the short sermon has produced so great an effect that more than ten students have decided to receive Christ as their Saviour." In Djjakarta the basketball missionaries played against a Communist team in order that they might point the young Marxists to Christ. During one week in Communist-ridden Singapore the players preached 45 times and reported afterward that "we couldn't go to a meeting without souls being saved."

Headlining 54 straight victories in six weeks the Manila *Times* described the team as "Basketball's Bible-preaching powerhouse crew."

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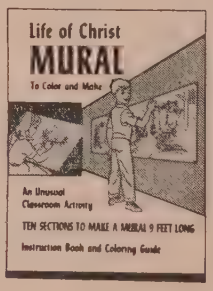

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United World Mission Eleventh Annual Meet

DAYTON, Ohio.—The United World Mission's eleventh annual conference was held at the Winona Lake Christian Assembly this summer.

One of the high points of the conference was the unanimous selection by the Home Council of Rev. Gerald Boyer, of the Rockford (Ill.) Gospel Tabernacle, as the Home Director of the United World Mission. Rev. Boyer has been associated with the United World Mission since its inception.

The Conference was also pleased to receive into its fellowship the India Interior Mission founded by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rassmann.

Several candidates for UWM fields were interviewed under the direction of Rev. R. E. Thompson of the Missionary Internship, Inc., Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Thompson was elected to the Home Council at Winona Lake.

Plans were laid and enthusiastically received for the building of a $38,000 hospital unit and missionary home in French West Africa. Further plans of expansion in all of our fields were discussed and put into motion.

The United World Mission, with headquarters in Dayton, is an interdenominational faith mission, operating in fifteen fields: Cuba, Peru, Spain Japan, Korea, Mexico, England, Germany, Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Guatemala, Venezuela, Philippine Islands, French Equatorial Africa and French West Africa. The total receipts for last year was $200,072.

WORLD-WIDE

Yugoslavs Bar Big Shipment of Bibles

BELGRADE — (RNS) — Yugoslav government officials recently turned back from the frontier two freight carloads of Bibles from the British and Foreign Bible Society, informed sources here disclosed.

The sources said the reason for the ban apparently was that, due to a printing mistake, the Yugoslav-language Bibles contained the words "Belgrade, 1956" on the front page, indicating they were printed in Yugoslavia.

The government reportedly maintained it could not allow the distribution of Bibles containing such an inscription.

No Bibles have been printed here since World War II when Yugoslavia became a Communist-ruled country.

The informants said the Bible ban was discussed with government officials by British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd during his recent visit here.

Church sources here said there is a great shortage of Bibles in Yugoslavia and many copies of the Scriptures are needed. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the only Bible distributor in Yugoslavia.

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Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible and the pool is referred to in the second Book of Samuel as the scene of the battle between the rival houses of David and Saul.

Finding of the well, the university said, confirms a tradition that the men of Gibeon were "drawers of water."

The pool was discovered at the bottom of a 33-foot cylindrical pit, part of which was lined with 79 steps leading to the well's opening. At a depth of 82 feet in the well the expedition found water flowing again.

The work of clearing the hole and stairway was done by 80 men working two shifts daily from dawn to dusk over a period of six weeks.

United Evangelistic Drive Planned for Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina. —(MNS)—For the first time in the history of missions a united evangelistic campaign is to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Practically all the Protestant groups in the area are working together in preparation for the "Buenos Aires for Christ Crusade" October 21 to November 3, 1957. Meetings will be held in the great Luna Park indoor stadium which has a seating capacity of 12,000.

Buenos Aires, with its metropolitan population of over 5 million—the largest city in the world south of the equator—has been divided into 14 zones. Each zone has been organized for Personal Evangelism classes, Revival studies, united prayer meetings, and fund-raising drives. Some churches in the interior of the country have already chartered buses to take people to the campaign.

The evangelist will be Dr. Oswald J. Smith of the Peoples Church of Toronto. Gospel chalk artist Phil Saint will assist with illustrated messages.

Urgent prayer is requested on behalf of the crusade. Said one missionary, "If this giant effort proves a success, the struggling church here will be encouraged to attempt greater things for God in the future. Therefore, brethren, do not fail us in this hour of challenging enterprise."

Baptists Call for Religious Liberty

HAMILTON, Ont. —(RNS)— Baptists throughout the world were urged here to join "in earnest and constant" prayer for peace and to continue their efforts in behalf of religious liberty "for all men."

The call was issued in a "Message to the Baptist Family Scattered Over the Whole Earth," adopted by the Baptist World Alliance executive committee at a meeting here.

In the statement, the alliance also "rejoiced" in the proposed five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance, a world program of evangelism from 1959 to 1964. The program's final year marks the

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George L. Ford, NAE executive director and **Clyde W. Taylor**, director of NAE Public Affairs, have teamed up as speakers at "Area Conventions" being held in the Southwest Region October 15-22.

Norman P. Grubb, general secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, was speaker at a series of five Revival Prayer Fellowship Conferences held at different points in California, September 30 to October 11.

David H. Johnson, general director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, is on a tour of eleven TEAM fields. Accompanied by his wife, his visits include Japan, Korea, Formosa, New Guinea, India, Tibetan Frontier, Pakistan, the Near East, France, and Portugal.

J. H. Kornelson, for thirteen years general secretary of the Rural Bible Crusade, National, has been named field secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

Lorne Sanny, president of the Navigators, left Colorado Springs at the close of the summer conference season for a three and one-half month tour of The Navigators' work around the world.

Jared F. Gerig, president of the Missionary Church Association, has been named president of Fort Wayne (Ind.) Bible College. He will succeed Dr. S. A. Witmer, who will become executive secretary of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

Daniel A. Poling, editor of *Christian Herald* magazine, conducted a Protestant chaplains' retreat in Seoul, Korea, arriving there from Japan where he had held similar meetings. The trip was undertaken at the request of the Office of Chaplains, Washington, D.C.

Oswald J. Smith, pastor of Peoples Church, Toronto, will be the evangelist for the "Buenos Aires for Christ Crusade" to be conducted October 21-November 3. He will be assisted by Phil Saint, gospel chalk artist.

Paul S. James, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., for the past sixteen years, has been named director of Southern Baptist work in the Greater New York area. He will also become pastor of the Southern Baptist Chapel group meeting at the Twenty-third Street YMCA in downtown Manhattan, soon to be organized as the first Southern Baptist church in New York City.

Peter Bol, chaplain (Lt. Comdr.) of USNR, Protestant chaplain for the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center in Fort Hueneme, Calif., has been named "Navy Chaplain of the Year."

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